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SUBJECT: SECRETARY-OHIRA MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24

1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY MET WITH FONMIN OHIRA SEPTEMBER 24 FOR ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS. DISCUSSION COVERED MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS WITH EMPHASIS ON CURRENT STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. SEPTELS FOLLOW ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND VIET-NAM. END SUMMARY.

2. AT OUTSET OF MEETING OHIRA CONGRATULATED SECRETARY ON UNGA ADDRESS, EXPRESSING PARTICULAR APPRECIATION FOR REFERENCE TO JAPAN'S MEMBERSHIP IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL. SECRETARY ASSURED OHIRA OF DESIRE FOR CLOSEST COOPERATION WITH JAPAN AS CORNERSTONE OF US FOREIGN POLICY, WITH FULL AND CANDID CONSULTATIONS ON ALL MAJOR DECISIONS. OHIRA RESPONDED WITH JAPANESE DESIRE FOR EVEN CLOSER RELATIONS WITH US UNDER SECRETARY'S LEADERSHIP.

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3. THE SECRETARY DISCUSSED HIS PLANS TO VISIT JAPAN IN IF TRIP TO PEKING IS ARRANGED. HE NOTED NO DEFINITE DATE

YET SET FOR PEKING TRIP, BUT HE HOPED TO STOP IN JAPAN
EN ROUTE FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND BRIEFLY ON RETURN TRIP FROM
PEKING IF THIS AGREEABLE TO GOJ. OHIRA WELCOMED BOTH
STOPS.

4. OHIRA BRIEFLY REVIEWED GOJ RELATIONS WITH USSR AND
PRC. RELATIONS WITH USSR PROGRESSING AND PRIME MINISTER
TANAKA FELT IT APPROPRIATE TIME FOR VISIT TO MOSCOW,
SCHEDULED OCTOBER 7-10. HE MENTIONED QUESTIONS OF
NORTHERN TERRITORIES AND ECONOMIC ISSUES LIKELY TO COME
UP. RE PRC, OHIRA THOUGHT THAT, AFTER ONE YEAR OF
NORMALIZATION, THERE HAD BEEN STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN TRADE,
PERSONNEL EXCHANGES, AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, ALTHOUGH
NOT GREAT OVERALL PROGRESS. CURRENTLY, GOJ-PRC DISCUSSING
WORKING ARRANGEMENTS. SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT US HAD
NOT IN RECENT YEARS OBJECTED TO NORMALIZATION GOJ-PRC
RELATIONS AS LONG AS PRC HAD NOT REPEAT NOT INSISTED
UPON PRESSING FOR BREAK IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS. LIKE
JAPAN, US-PRC RELATIONS PROGRESSING STEADILY BUT NOT
DRAMATICALLY. RUS

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